

navigable by deep water junk, to the little "neighborhood" canal of barely sufficient width for two sampans to pass each other. They serve not only the purposes of navigation and, in place of roads, for trade and commerce, but also as local fish preserves, as breeding pools for water fowl, and for laundry purposes. In most of the canals there is more or less current, so they are not the menace to health that is generally supposed.